Mission-house. 70. Stadtdeich. Hamburgh. Germany. 16 Oct 43.

Beloved brethern,

It with great delight, that I acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter, dated Febr 7. ult. c, that reached me in the beginning of April, and I have to beg your pardon, that I didn't answer before now, but I hope, you will not be offended by that circumstance and rather continue our correspondence as soon as possible, and inform us on the subject of missions and whatever concerns the cause of Christ in your country, because that will be the way, to unite the members of the one holy body of our Lord on both sides of the ocean, and to excite us, to thank the gracious Saviour for what he has granted you by his mercy, or to pray to him, that he may assist you in the troubles, you have to endure.

We must always remember, that we live in a world, where we have to believe, and not to see, in a world, that has deserted its Saviour and Lord, and likes much the things of vanity, by which the senses and hearts are deluded and enchanted, but that is to be released out of its bondage. Therefore there must be much struggle between light and night. Happy that man, whom the Saviour designed to be his instrument in saving the world in spite of its own desire.

Now you are those happy men, and I and the young missionary students under my care are likewise so. Therefore it becomes us very well to make another communications on the battles, that are fought, and on the triumphs, that are obtained by the grace of our Lord in our countries.

Perhaps you may wonder, but in our country we don't know of those awakenings, very frequent in your country. I think, the reason is a different disposition of mind, by

which we don't like making known, what is passing in our hearts or congregations. It happens very seldom, that a gazette or newspaper should give a report on such movements in the congregations, but that is no reason to think, there should not be moved many hearts and congregations. Some years ago, when I labored among the poor people of our city as a city missionary and visited the house of the lower classes with the word of our Saviour, and held prayer-meetings and bible-lectures, when I had also under my care a large sabbath-school, I experienced many examples, among old and young people, that the word of the Lord also in our city is able, to excite extraordinary commotions in the men's hearts, but I never published much on that matter, because we don't like making much noise about our spiritual affairs

If you read in the New York Observer the many notices on awakenings in different congregations of your country and afterwards would look out for such notices in our german ecclesiastical news-papers, you might think, that in our country death is ruling, but that would be an erroneous idea. He, who will judge a people, must know its its disposition of mind without knowing that, he will fail in his judgment. The German likes being impartial, therefore he tries to get the right idea of a people's disposition, and then he begins to judge on the facts. Therefore we study as many publications, as we can get of foreign countries and for my shame I read regularly the New-York-Observer, the missionary herald, the baptist missionary magazine, the baptist memorial, the missionary chronicle, - I think a publication of that community, to which you also belong, the community of presbyterians of the old school - the bibliotheca sacra, published by Prof. Robinson: Other periodical publications of yours or an other missionary society didn't yet come under my notice, but if you should know the title of a publication of the methodists missionary society and of the episcopal-church-mitt. soc, you would very oblige me, if you would have the goadness, to notice it to me.

More and more by studying your periodicals and other works on the religious state in your country we will be enabled, to form us a right idea of your character,

and we wish that american people should also like studying our character and individual disposition. Therefore likewise I am very glad, that you wish an exchange of letters, because I hope, that will further a better understanding. Some months or weeks ago I read in the New-York-Observer several letters on germany, written by an american traveller in our country, but that man knows very little, perhaps nothing of our character and judges only according to the surface of the things. His letters give a very incorrect picture, a mere carricature of us and our manners.

That our german protestant churches are not quite dead, but begin more and more to live, you may judge from that circumstance, that the missionary spirit is gaining a great ascendound. We have now in Germany five missionary societies, 1, that of Basle, 2, the rhenish, 3, that of Berlin, 4, the Lutheran and 5, the north-german. Every one of these has a missionary-college, the first of Basle, the principal of which is Inspector Hoffmann; the second at Barmen near Elberfeld, the principal is Inspector Dr. Richter; the third at Berlin, principal Inspector Schultze; the fourth at Dresden, principal Dr. Trautmann; the fifth at Hamburgh, whereof I have the honour to be the principal. The title of Inspector, that also is mine, in values, that we not only are the principals of the colleges, like the principal of Dresden, but that we are the chief-agents and secretaries of our respective societies. We all have collegues especially engaged with the instruction of the young while a great part of our time is occupied by a plenty of other business, but we have the superintendence in our colleges. Mr. Hoffmann and I have also to administer the economy in our colleges, you will easily now form an idea, how much we of to do, for calls must be made yearly.

The Basle-society has missionaries in the East-Indies and on the west coast of Africa, the rhenish soc. in South-Africa and Borneo, the Berlin in South Africa and the East Indies, the Lutheran in South Australia and the East Indies, our north-german in New-Zealand, Port Nelson and in the East-Indies.

I don't know, if you understand the german language, but if you should do so and wish to get the reports and the monthly magazine of our society, written by me, I shall send you that by the first opportunity and in that way, you may like best.

Besides the missionary cause another subject now very moves the hearts of the protestants in germany. We wish to strengthen our protestant brethern in the papish countries and therefore the gustavus-Adolphus-society is formed; its object is, to assist the protestant congregations in the papish countries, that they may get churches, schools, clergymen

and schoolmasters. We hope much good of that formation of that society.

Pastoral meetings of the clergymen in the different countries of Germany become more frequent from year to year. They cannot yet have an official character on account of our church-constitution, but the clergymen have there an opportunity of considering the reports, and to consult on the best ways by which a better state will be brought.

The king of Prussia has also assembled, lately last, all the synods in his kingdom, to hear what they think necessary to remove the defects and to further the best of the church, and the synods have freely declared, that a more presbyterian constitution would give the desired

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You perhaps already will know, that Rev. Krummacher has declined the call, but the synods have found another man and engaged him. His name is Dr. Schaaf, former non-ordained

Our gracious Lord, dear brethren, may bless you daily and hourly and keep you to become his worthy instruments in the furtherance of his kingdom.

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